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**As Lent continues,
you are invited to walk
the prayer labyrinth,
Thursdays 5-7 pm,
through March 17**



To most Christians who walk the labyrinth journey today, the walk in is called Purgation—a time for releasing, letting go of the cares and concerns that keep one distracted and stressed.

The center of the labyrinth represents divine Illumination and Christ within, a place for receiving clarity and insight. The return walk is viewed as the path of Union, joining God, bringing back to the world a renewed vision or a refreshed spirit. To others the labyrinth enhances their prayer life as a symbol of the world's complexities and difficulties, which we experience in our journey through life. These are but some of the historic uses for the labyrinth embraced by Catholics and Christians throughout the world.

Labyrinths can be found today in churches, parks, retreat centers, hospitals, schools, homes and prisons. One architect notes that, like Christ, the Labyrinth is a “sure path in the changing and uncertain world.”

God of wisdom, you are ever with us to reveal Your path of truth.
Enlighten us with your Spirit that we may work to bring about your love and justice among your people.

Strengthen us with your insight to be faithful to your word revealed among us.
We ask this in Jesus who is our path, our truth and our life. Amen.

(Source: <http://www.stmaryhc.org/spirituality/labyrinth.php>)

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**Community Presbyterian is “an open-hearted, open-minded
Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love.”**

Community Presbyterian Church is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). We were founded by a group of Rochesterites who were committed to building a church based on the simple idea that Christians should be “open-hearted, open-minded.” We’re located at 3705 55th Street NW, just across from Sam’s Club. Join us for worship at 9:30 Sunday mornings! You are welcome to join us on this journey of faith!

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MARCH 2016

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2016 LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of nine ruling elders, elected in classes of three, for three years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2016</u>	Bruce Felger Stacy Kopecky Amy Anderson	Building and Grounds Membership Personnel
<u>Class of 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Clerk Christian Education
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers Ellen Warner	Nominating Mission Worship and Music

2016 Nominating Committee

Bruce Bigelow, Ann Hesley, Mary Alice Richardson, and Mary Meyer

Deacon representative: Peggy McCarty, Ruling Elder: Mark Neville

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two for three years.

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Louis Bouchard Judy Leal	Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	Carol Bigelow Jennifer Hall

Pastor/Head of Staff
Choir Director
Pianist
Pianist
Bell Choir Director
Office Manager

Rev. Laurene M. Lafontaine
Meg Britain
Laurie Priniski
Glenna Muir
Judy Kereakos
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

MUSINGS FROM PASTOR LAURENE



Recently, Dr. Robert Waldinger, the Director of the 75 year Harvard Study of Adult Development, which is one of the most comprehensive longitudinal studies in history, shared the three lessons learned through the study about “What keeps us happy and healthy as we go through life?” in a TEDtalk. The overriding message from this study is that it is not money, fame, or working harder and harder that keeps us happy and healthy, it is good relationships that keep us happier and healthier. In his words, the three big lessons about these relationships are

1. *“Social connections are really good for us, and that loneliness kills.”*
2. *“It is the quality of your close relationships that matters.”*
3. *“Good relationships don’t just protect our bodies, they protect our brains.”*

My sense is that this is not surprising for most of us, especially for those whom their second home and family is the church. Yet, in the midst of a world where loneliness, social disconnection, busyness, and growing isolation are common themes, it’s a great reminder what we as a human community need to thrive. During this time of reflection and introspection, we are invited to explore our personal journey with God, ourselves and current social and familial relationships. It also might be a good time to ask if we are indeed happy and healthy. If so, awesome! If not, how might we heal, develop or grow our ongoing relationships with close family and/or friends as well as make life-giving connections with others.

Our relationships with ourselves and others often reveals our ultimate understanding and relationship with God. The powerful message of the Gospel is that we are loved, forgiven and empowered by God’s spirit to be fully alive. As we grow in our ability to fully embrace this message, we are invited to be happy and healthy. Please keep in mind that we can strive to be as happy and healthy as possible, even if we are experiencing an illness, disease or difficult situation. Maybe it might be getting a bit more sleep, eating more healthier food, taking a few minutes to meditate, quieting our minds, reaching out and calling a friend. I do believe we can turn back the proverbial clock of current life circumstances and relationships and move toward a life rooted in happiness and healthiness.

Several years ago, I was speaking with Harriet, an 82 year old woman who had lived her life committed to God and the church. We were discussing the changing world view on full inclusion within the church and the impact within her own family. She admitted that if she changed her mind about a family member, she would need to examine all her biases and that terrified her. Yet, over time, she was able to shift her thinking so that she could have a more positive relationship with her grandson. We are always in process. The experience of transformation is life long. The good news is that we have a community of faith in which we can live out this process. We are invited to give up thinking that tells us, “this is just the way it is.” We are invited to give up all those thoughts, beliefs and behaviors that are no longer life-giving. Jesus invites us to repent, literally “turn away” or “change one’s mind/behavior.” His invitation to experience forgiveness for the past and embrace the fullness of life is constant and daily, which suggests that indeed it is a process, a journey. Over the next four weeks, I invite you to join me in asking two personal questions ... what keeps you happy and healthy? What keeps you from being happy and healthy? May we be open to the possibilities as we trust God’s leading.

Peace,
Pastor Laurene

March 2016 Adult Education Bibliography

*“The Big Leap: Conquer Your Hidden Fear
and Take Life to the Next Level”*
Gay Hendricks, PhD

*“Conscious Loving Ever After: How to Create
Thriving Relationships at Midlife and Beyond”*
Gay Hendricks, PhD
& Katie Hendricks, PhD

“Rising Strong”
“Daring Greatly”
Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW

*“Fully Awake and Truly Alive: Spiritual
Practices to Nurture your Soul”*
Rev. Jane E. Vennard



Easter Flowers

Because of allergies, we are asking people to refrain from bringing Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Instead, we would like to have irises of any color. The flowers can be in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones or an event.

Please let the church office know if you are planning to bring flowers.

Thank you, Worship and Music Committee



Jubellation Handbell Choir, led by Judy Kereakos, will play during worship on Palm Sunday, March 20. Practices have begun and will run through March 16.



Our Worship Volunteers create a warm, welcoming, and orderly environment so the focus of our worship services can remain on worship. Volunteering for Worship is an important way to contribute to the CPC community. In addition to liturgists, worship assistants, greeters, and communion assistants; nursery volunteers and refreshment hosts are needed! We appreciate all of our worship volunteers! Thank you!

Three ways to volunteer for worship at CPC!

Sign up in the narthex, contact the office (email or call), or use Sign-Up Genius. You can see the dates and volunteer opportunities available for each Sunday on Sign Up Genius or on the sign up in the narthex. The February-March Volunteer link is: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afab23a3fd0-february. Stephanie also sends an E-blast early in the week with Worship needs for the upcoming Sunday.

Why I Love Singing in the Choir Marcia Britain

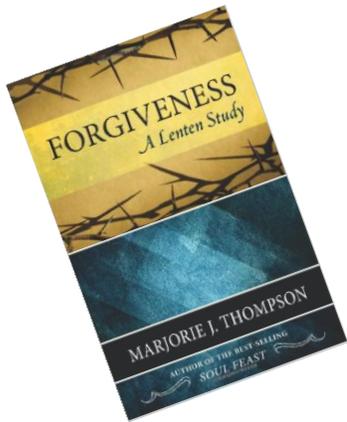
I love singing in the CPC choir for a variety of reasons. As a new member, I was looking for a way to contribute to the church. I love singing and music; so joining the choir seemed to be the right fit. The choir members are fun, positive, and talented. It had been several years since I sang with a choir and the members of the choir were very welcoming. Singing in the choir has given me a sense of belonging. Singing has also been relaxing. I am able to take my mind off issues at home/work during the time of practice on Wednesday evening and focus on praising the Lord. Finally, I have learned so much about singing in a small group under Meg's direction and love the variety of music we perform. Thank you for the opportunity!



WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



LENT



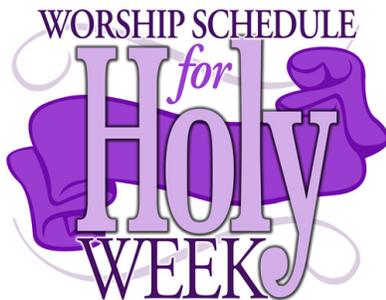
2016 Lenten Study
Wednesdays Now through March 16
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Thursdays Now through March 17
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



We are reading “Forgiveness” by Marjorie J. Thompson. It is available for \$8.00 in the church office.

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book *Soul Feast*, takes a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study.

Please join us!



Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday

Worship 9:30 am

Fellowship 10:30 am

Christian Education 10:45 am

Thursday, March 24 Maundy Thursday

Worship with Communion 7:00 PM, CPC

Friday, March 25 Good Friday

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

Worship 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch 10:30 am

Upcoming Christian Education for Children and Youth

Sunday, March 6, 2016	Returning to God Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sunday, March 13, 2016	God's Fresh Ways John 12:1-8
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Sunday School- Spring Break *Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 27, 2016	No Sunday School - EASTER Egg Hunt



Upcoming Adult Education Classes

Sunday, March 6, 2016	Live Life Fully, part 2, presented by Pastor Laurene
Sunday, March 13, 2016	Fully Awake, presented by Pastor Laurene
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Fully Awake, part 2, presented by Pastor Laurene
Sunday, March 27, 2016	No Adult Education - EASTER Brunch



February 28 and March 6.: Live Life Fully

Drawing upon the Hendricks' Institute/Foundation for Conscious Living and Brene Brown's latest book, *Rising Strong*, we will explore the themes of Authenticity, Response-ability, Appreciation and Vulnerability as we seek to live fully the life God has given each of us.

March 13th and 20th : Fully Awake

Fully Awake and Truly Alive: Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul by Rev. Jane Vennard is a wonderful book on spiritual practices that engage and renew our own desire to grow in our personal and congregational faith. "This engaging and highly readable book offers you guidance for the journey. Sharing stories from her personal life as a spiritual seeker and from her professional career as a retreat leader, spiritual director and teacher, Reverend Jane Vennard illustrates the joys and frustrations of spiritual practice, offers insights from various religious traditions, and provides step-by-step exercises and meditations to practice."

Pastor Laurene will be facilitating our conversation. Please join us!



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow the Easter Worship on Sunday, March 27. Don't miss this fun tradition!

You Are Invited to walk a prayer labyrinth right here at Community Presbyterian Church! Thursdays in Lent. It will be available for walking from 5-7 PM. Come before the Lenten book study! Or just come!

It is a holy experience!

Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 20, 1:00 pm at Madonna Towers
Please note the date change (it is a week earlier than normal).
All are welcome!

Watch the Bulletins and E-blast for the March Title.

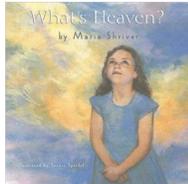


Community Presbyterian Church is blessed with a fantastic library! If you have questions about it, please talk with Margaret Nelson. We thank Margaret for her dedication to the library and to Community Presbyterian Church!

A SURVEY OF OUR CPC LIBRARY Section 2: Religion + related Fiction for all ages

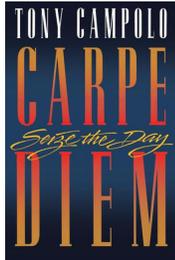
Theology

What's Heaven?
Holy Hilarity
The Gospel according to Peanuts
Finding God in the Questions
St. Julian



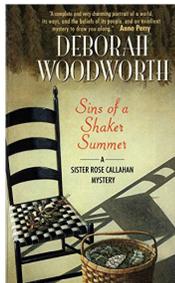
Christian Life

Carpe Diem
Joshua and the Children
What I learned from God while quilting
Children's Book about being Selfish
The Return of the Prodigal Son



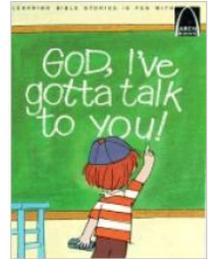
Denominations

Sins of a Shaker Summer
Seventh-day Adventists Believe...
Out of Mormonism



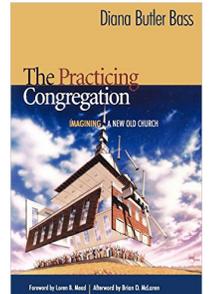
Prayer

Simple Abundance
God, I've Gotta Talk to You!
Chocolate for Lent + DVD of the film "Chocolat"
Help Lord, I'm having a Senior Moment!



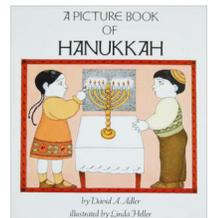
The Church

The Practicing Congregation
Assassins in the Cathedral
Help! I'm a Sunday School Teacher
The Time of the Church
Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind



Religions

Picture Book of Hanukkah
What You Need to Know about Islam and Muslims



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women
Tuesday, March 15, 1:00 PM
at Community Presbyterian Church
in the narthex
Hostess and Devotions: Carol Jones

MEMBERSHIP/ FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



Come worship the Risen Savior on Easter Sunday and then enjoy Easter Brunch with your church family!

Watch for details in the eblast and the bulletins!



**Coming this spring.....
A Church Rummage Sale**

Save you gently used items for the church garage sale! Watch the newsletter, bulletin and E-blast as spring approaches for the date and details!

CELEBRATIONS AND AN INVITATION

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
and the congregation of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church
invite you to celebrate the installation of

Julia A. Carlson

as Associate Pastor of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 6, 2016, during the 10 a.m. worship service.

A reception will follow in the Kirk Parlour.

Clergy are invited to robe and wear red stoles.

12 noon *Brunch*. Cost is \$8. RSVP by March 2 to davidgv@hohchurch.org.
2 p.m. *The Sunday Series* presents Katie McMahon (Irish music and dance). Free.

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church
797 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105-3392
651-227-6311 www.hohchurch.org hoh@hohchurch.org

Parking is available in the church parking lots on Summit Avenue and Portland Avenue.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



If you have noticed that usually, just as soon as our Sunday service is over, Peggy heads for the door, it is because she also attends the 11:00 service at the Church of Christ on 2nd Street. This is a church unlike CPC, which has three services a week, does not allow women to participate in the service, nor do they allow musical instruments. However, they do a great deal of beautiful acapella singing. Peggy teaches not Sunday School but “Wednesday School” and once a month is the Safety person, being in the narthex during the Sunday service to help late-comers or to deal with strangers.

Peggy was born at St. Mary’s, here in Rochester, and her mother almost didn’t get to the hospital in time, as her father had to finish milking before he

could drive her in. She met her husband in college, was married at 18, and after ten years became the single mom of a daughter, Lisa, who lives in Mankato and who has given her four grand-children, ages 11 to 19.

She earned her Masters at Winona State plus an Internship with Olmsted County Social Services and is a Psychologist at Mayo, celebrating 30 years there this March. She works three days a week now, testing, teaching Stress and Pain Management, and also interviewing and counseling in the Behavioral Medicine area.

Her early church connection was Methodist, followed by First Presbyterian where she was Church Secretary for ten years. When Mary Alice, Duane and others started this church, she went along, becoming one of our charter members. We know how active Peggy is here on Sunday morning, but in addition she is a Deacon, serves on the Membership Committee, and is on the Thursday Evening Cleaning Team. Is it any wonder she had a heart attack (a mild one fortunately) a few weeks ago? Therefore, to her other activities she has added cardiac rehab, a treadmill, and a few dietary restrictions. She says she’s slowing down a bit, but it hardly shows.

Knitting, reading, and gardening are Peggy’s favorite activities. Two members of her family also belong to CPC – her mother, Mary Henderson, with whom she shares dinner on Tuesdays, and her sister Linda Overton, her frequent coffee companion. She lives within a mile of the church with her garden and her five cats.


Bloom
Where You Are Planted

Minnesota FoodShare

March Food Share is nearly upon us. We are all called to do our part! Check out Psalm 146:5-7 (above right).

Consider now how YOU can help the hungry of our community...by bringing an item of need or by contributing monetarily. A special guest will help us see the needs of our community, keep your eye open to not miss this!



Hear ye, hear ye, bring your skills... apple cutting, egg cracking, brownie baking, and serving... to the **Saturday Noon Meal!**
March 19

Come help make or serve the famous CPC meatloaf!! We need cooks, servers, and brownie bakers. Sign up now in the narthex and help serve our community. It is a rewarding experience and the CPC team is awesome!

“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.”

Psalm 146: 5-7

MOST **NEEDED ITEMS**

We strive to offer a diversity of food that helps balance nutrition intake and diet, especially important to children, seniors, immigrants and those with health challenges. Cash gifts allow Channel One to purchase items we don't receive as donations including meat and dairy products.



MEAT, FISH AND PROTEIN

Canned tuna, ham, or chicken, peanut butter, canned/dried beans

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Canned fruits and vegetables, fresh produce

COMPLETE MEALS

Boxed meals, hearty soups

GRAINS

Rice, pasta

COOKING BASICS

Flour, sugar, oil

SPECIAL DIETARY FOODS

Gluten-free, low-sugar, low-sodium

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, diapers, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products



www.helpingfeedpeople.org

Jeff's Jottings

What does Belhar say to this presbytery

February 12, 2016 By Jeff Japinga

Transitional Executive Presbyter

Jeff's complete column can be found here:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/17207f49001/824d7eea-1b04-411d-9844-cd7cad-cf054f.pdf>

I facilitated an hour-long conversation on the Belhar Confession, the very newest addition to the PCUSA's Book of Confessions (well, it will be as of this summer's General Assembly). We talked about what confessions are, in general, and what Belhar is and says, in particular. And we asked how the Belhar is speaking into the PCUSA in our current time and place.



You'll remember that Belhar comes to us from our Reformed brothers and sisters in South Africa, written in the 1980s when the dominant church of that country worshiped as three separate denominations, divided by a governmental designation of skin color. We know that as "apartheid," a state-sanctioned practice that cut to the very core of the gospel. This was not just a matter of disagreement, the church said; this was heresy. And so the Belhar was written, with the theme of UNITY at its core. We believe, Belhar says for us and to us, that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain (Eph. 4:1-16).

Of course, we say, when we apply these words to the horror of South Africa's apartheid laws and its acidic effects on the church. But we do not have the luxury simply to segregate these words to that time and place. Belhar is ours now, too, and thus we are compelled to ask: What might these words say to us, to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area? What might it mean for the PTCA, its churches, its teaching and ruling elders, to confess — that is, to say, this is what we believe — that unity is both a gift and an obligation for us?

I believe that we must wrestle with this question, and its answer. What does it mean for us to confess "unity"? I know it's not simply humming kumbaya, and neither is it some kind of gracious but disengaged tolerance of each other. It's not about supporting current structures or paying per capita. It must be more than all of that, and it must be intentional.

We are called to a unity "which the people of God must continually be built up to attain." And so, inspired by my engaging conversation with the good people of Plymouth Pres, I want to invite all of you into a Lenten conversation: to reflect with me on the question of unity. Each week, I'll highlight a different portion of the presbytery as well as a unique perspective on our call to unity. We'll start next week at the southern border of our presbytery, and with one of the authors of the Belhar, Allan Boesak.

Good Friday is six weeks from today. I wonder what we can learn in six weeks about that which we confess and believe — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all — and what that means for us in the presbytery in 2016. I hope you'll join me on this journey. I invite you to ask at least one other person in your congregation or circle of friends to commit to this discipline.



A place where you . . .

learn something new

**experience hospitality
and grace**

**stretch your mind
and your faith**

**leave spiritually and
personally renewed**

**July 24–29, 2016
Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa**

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in an Over-Connected World**

**Presbytery of the
Twin Cities Area
website:
ptcaweb.org**

**PTCA weekly email
newsletter... contact
[communications@
ptcaweb.org](mailto:communications@ptcaweb.org)**

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Put these dates on your calendar!

March 15 PW

March 19 Saturday Noon Meal

March 20 Book Discussion Group

**March 27 Easter Egg Hunt and
Easter Brunch**

**A full calendar can always be found
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www.cpcrochester.org**



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March 2016 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	2 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study: Forgiveness 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	3 5:00pm Prayer Labyrinth Available 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	4	5
6 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School	7	8 6:00pm Christian Education Meeting 7:30pm Membership Meeting	9 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study: Forgiveness 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	10 5:00pm Prayer Labyrinth Available 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	11 7:00pm AS Support Group in Library	12 9:00am Presbytery Meeting at Grace Trinity, Minneapolis
13 Channel One 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School	14 10:00am Bereavement Group	15 1:00pm PW 5:30pm Committees: Finance & Stewardship, Building & Grounds	16 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 1:00pm Lenten Bible Study: Forgiveness 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	17 5:00pm Prayer Labyrinth Available 6:00pm Lenten Bible Study	18	19 9:00am Saturday Noon Meal
20 Palm Sunday Pack the Pews Noisy Can 9:30am Worship with Handbells 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 1:00pm Book Discussion Group	21 10:00am Bereavement Group	22 7:00pm Session Meeting	23 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship with Communion	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch	28 Office Closed (Easter Monday) 10:00am Bereavement Group	29	30 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	31		

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



RSOC
ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORALE

GLORIA! MAR 12 & 13
NEUSTADTER | VIVALDI | POULENC | BRITTEN
(World Premiere) Lourdes High School | Rochester, MN

Glory takes on all forms in this celebration of musical greatness.

TICKETS: \$20, \$30 and \$5 (for 18 and under)

www.rochestersymphony.org



**St. Olaf
Handbell Choir**
Directed by Jill Mahr
Friday, March 4
7:30 PM

Rochester Covenant Church
4950 31st Ave NW



World Day of Prayer
March 5, 10:00 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
529 20th Street SW

This year's theme, "Receive Children, Receive Me," is based on Isaiah 11:1-10 and Mark 10:13-16. The service was planned by the women of Cuba.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration carried out by women in more than 170 countries on or near the first Friday in March. It brings together women of many races, cultures, and traditions in closer fellowship and understanding.

United Seminary is host to Art Exhibits on Current Events

How are faith communities establishing their convictions and response to the Black Lives Matter movement? And what about the women who are caught up in violent policing tactics? The Center for Arts, Faith & Culture at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities is partnering with Intermedia Arts and Obsidian Arts to present two complementary, juried exhibitions - "Faith [In]Action" and "Hands Up Don't Shoot -- HER." Art forms include paintings, photography, digital and paper collage, video, poetry, music, digital printing on fabric, embellished art-wear, sculpture and more. The exhibits run Jan. 28 through April 16. Details are at <http://www.unitedseminary.edu/initiatives/center-arts-faith-culture/in-the-gallery/>.

